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- Information Disclosure Statement
- Information Disclosure Form
- Copy of European Search Report
- One (1) Foreign Patent Reference with translation

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Sir:

In accordance with the Applicants duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56 and further in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner is requested to consider and cite the references listed on the enclosed form.

The references listed on the form were cited in the European Search Report of the priority EP patent application of the subject patent. A copy the Search Report is enclosed herewith.

A copy of the German patent reference and its English translation is enclosed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

The US patent 6,277,177 in the name of Leybold Vakuum and DE 10122733 in the name of Inficon were cited in the European Search report.

The US patent '177 teaches a heterogeneous membrane comprising a supporting silicon wafer coated with layers of gas permeable materials, wherein the subject patent application teaches a homogeneous membrane totally made of a gas permeable material.

The DE reference '733 teaches a testing apparatus for leak detecting device, while the present invention relates to a gas-selective permeable membrane and method for its production, which is utilized in a leak detector.

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Consideration and citation of the references are respectfully requested and deemed in order.

Respectfully submitted,



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